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Title: GAS BEARINGS FOR USE WITH VACUUM CHAMBERS AND THEIR  
APPLICATION IN LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUSES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified Application as follows.

This Preliminary Amendment is being presented in the REVISED FORMAT approved in  
February, 2003.